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## EXOTIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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### *Who's Preparing the Plan and Environmental Impact Statement*

The National Park Service has begun preparing the exotic plant management plan and environmental impact statement that will address issues related to the current and future management of exotic plants in nine national parks. The five south Florida parks included in this analysis are Big Cypress National Preserve, Biscayne National Park, Canaveral National Seashore, Dry Tortugas National Park, and Everglades National Park. The four Caribbean parks are Virgin Islands National Park, Buck Island Reef National Monument, Christiansted National Historic Site, and Salt River Bay National Historic Park and Ecological Preserve.

Old World Climbing Fern (*Lygodium microphyllum*)  
Impacts: Smothers Other Plants – Carries Fire – Destroys Wildlife Habitat

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND INVOLVED

This is the first in a series of newsletters to keep you informed about the exotic plant management plan and environmental impact statement for nine parks in south Florida and the Caribbean. Each issue of the newsletter will describe where we are in the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) process. The topics covered in this issue include

- Nature and Extent of the Exotic Plant Problem
- Purpose of and Need for Taking Action
- Management Objectives
- Control of Exotic Plants
- The Planning Process Timeline
- Preliminary Alternatives
- Your Participation is Vital to the Planning Process

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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